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St. Charles, Illinois

2008 Brush Collection	
East Side	West Side
Oct. 6	Oct. 13
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No Collection Sept 29- Oct 3	
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City Hall Office Hours:
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
City Web Site: www.stcharlesil.gov

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DEN

TAKE NOTE

October 5-11

Fire Prevention Week, Open House to be held October 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fire Station #1, www.stcharlesil.gov/fd

October 10-12

Scarecrow Festival, downtown, www.scarecrowfest.com

October 13

Columbus Day, City offices open during regular business hours

October 27 - December 1

Residential leaf collection, www.stcharlesil.gov/news

November 4

Early voting begins. Contact 630-232-5990 for answers to questions regarding early voting or voter registration.

November 14

Expected Grand Opening Event at Costco.

November 2

Daylight Savings Time ends, turn clocks back one hour.

November 27, 28

City offices are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

November 28

Lighting of the Lights, Lincoln Park 5:00 p.m., www.dtown.org

November 29

Christmas Parade, Main Street, 5:30 p.m., www.dtown.org

Leaf Collection

The Leaf Pick Up schedule for the season is included as an insert in this publication. As an alternative, residents may pack leaves in yardwaste bags, which will be collected on normal refuse collection days through December 31. Please remember to rake leaves on the parkway, NOT into the street. Piling leaves in the street is a violation of city code, with violators subject to fines up to \$500. Leaves left in the street can also clog storm drains, cause localized flooding, and make the roadway slippery for cars, bikes, and pedestrians. For more details on the leaf collection program check the City's website, www.stcharlesil.gov/services/leaf. Call the Public Works office at 630-377-4405 with questions or for assistance determining your collection area.

Utility Billing and Building & Zoning Office Hours:
Mon. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tue.- Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Community Web Site: www.st-charles.il.us

City Adopts New Strategic Plan

In November, City Council will vote to adopt a new strategic plan, the outcome of a process entitled “St. Charles 2014: The Return of Charlemagne.”

“We started with a desire to establish a vision for the year 2014,” said City Administrator, Brian Townsend.

“The planning efforts included participation from a diverse group of stakeholders- including residents, businesses and community organizations- and will therefore help guarantee its success,” Townsend said.

“This plan creates a new mission for the City of St. Charles, and will help to improve communication within the community, and provide a consensus philosophy among elected officials,” Townsend added.

“I am very proud of the people who worked hard to create this vision for our future,” said Townsend. Strategic planning efforts will ultimately affect all employees, visitors, citizens, businesses, and people of St. Charles both in our daily lives and long-term plans.

If you would like to learn more, please go on line at <http://www.stcharlesil.gov/planning/index.html>

Fire Prevention Week

The 2008 National Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11. The Fire Department will visit elementary schools to promote the national campaign, “Prevent Home Fires.” We’ll be spreading the word about home fire prevention practices.

Children will be reminded about the importance of smoke detectors and safety around matches, lighters, and other sources of flames. More information on fire safety can be obtained on the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org.

Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks on November 2.



RV Parking and Storage

The Building and Code Enforcement Division will start enforcement of the Recreational Vehicles (RV’s) Parking and Storage Ordinance in mid October of 2008. The provisions are as follows: RV’s parked or stored outdoors in the One and Two Family Residential Zoning Districts shall not be located within the required front yard or exterior side yard (corner yard facing the street) from October 15th to April 15th. RV’s may be parked in the front yard for loading/unloading October 15th to April 15th no longer than 48-hours. RV’s may be stored outside all year in Residential Districts per the following:

There is not more than one RV

The RV is stored or parked on a hard surface

The RV is stored or parked inside, in the rear yard, or interior side yard.

Please call the Building and Code Enforcement Division at 630.377.4406 if you have any questions.

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Early Voting

Early voting for the November 4, 2008 General Election will again be offered at City Hall for residents of Kane County. Early voting will begin at the City of St. Charles on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 and end on Thursday, October 30, 2008. The hours for early voting will be from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Just as a reminder, the last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Kane County residents can register to vote at the City of St. Charles in the Utility Billing office during normal business hours. To register to vote, a resident must be at least 18 years of age as of November 4, 2008, must bring two forms of ID with one of the ID’s showing the resident’s current address.

Fire Department Open House

The St. Charles Fire Department will host an open house on Sunday, October 5 at Fire Station #1, 105 N. 1st Ave., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors can see safety and rescue demonstrations, talk with firefighters, and pick up safety information from the Fire Department or vendors participating in the event. Visit the Fire Department web site at www.stcharlesil.gov/fd or call 630.377.4457 for details.

EAB Update

This winter City crews will be inspecting parkway ash trees for signs of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). If trees are found with EAB they will be marked with a purple dot. Shortly before removal they will be marked with a pink dot. Trees confirmed with EAB will be removed before May 1st and replaced as the budget allows. If you suspect your parkway tree has EAB please contact the City at our EAB Hotline 630-584-5353.

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What is CodeRed?

From Amber Alerts to evacuation orders, our most valuable resource in times of emergency is often information. The faster residents and communities are alerted to a situation that is taking place, the more able they are to respond and do what is necessary to protect themselves and their neighbors.

That is why Kane County implemented a countywide telephone notification system to alert residents of a disaster or emergency in a timely manner. Named CodeRed, the system is capable of placing up to 60,000 phone calls per hour to inform residents of what is taking place and provide important instruction on what to do next. As it stands, the CodeRed database includes every listed landline telephone number in the County – but not cellular phone numbers, unlisted lines, or Voice over Internet Protocol listings. Given the widespread use of cellular phones in particular, this database must be expanded to make CodeRed truly effective.



CodeRED®
Emergency Telephone
Notification System

That is why residents are being asked to take a minute to submit alternative numbers where you can be reached in case of an emergency. Visit the Kane County website at www.countyofkane.org. Simply click on the CodeRed logo on the homepage and enter your information. If you have any questions about CodeRed or Emergency services in general, contact the Kane County Office of Emergency Management at 630-232-5985.

Conserving Energy In Your Older Building

Presented by the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission

Historic dwellings have a number of inherent energy conservation qualities such as tall ceilings and door transoms, thick brick or plastered wood walls and large attic spaces. Traditional approaches to heating and cooling in historic buildings can be adapted to modern considerations of comfort and energy efficiency.

Air infiltration through small cracks in a building's exterior is a major source of heat loss or gain. Making efforts to minimize this by properly caulking, and weather-stripping the building as well as window and door openings is one of the smallest and best investments you can make. Did you know 22% of a dwelling's energy loss is through the windows? Use interior or exterior storm windows and doors to significantly cut down that loss.

Did you know 28% of a dwellings energy loss is through the roof?

Make sure your attic has a minimal insulation R-Value of R-19 for gas and oil heat & R-22 for dwellings with electric heat.

Thermal insulation should also be installed in unheated cellars and crawlspaces.

Other traditional energy savings measures available for the old house owner are window and porch awnings, exterior window shutters and interior drapes and blinds.

Welcome New Businesses to St. Charles!

Remember to shop local and visit www.stcharlesil.gov/edd for a complete, searchable listing of local businesses.

Business Name	Street	Phone #
Damsel Beauty Lounge	10 S 1st Ave	630-444-0303
Ray's Evergreen Grill	1400 W. Main St.	630-584-3535
Shaw Surburban Media Group	333 N. Randall Road	630-232-9922
Top Driver Acquisition	2460 W. Main St. Ste 107	847-439-7132
Tri City Soccer Association	731 N 17th St. Ste 22	630-377-1101
ACT Appraisal Inc	761 N 17th St. Ste 9	630-377-8900
Taste of the Himalayas	110 N 3rd St.	630-444-1575
First Merchant Card Services	2560 E. Foxfield Rd. Ste 120	630-524-2770
Liberty Logistics Management	1020 E. Cedar Ste 2N	630-587-9332
Merlin Corporation	525 S Tyler Ste S	630-208-9900
Deluxe Refrigeration Inc	135 N 11th Ave Ste 6B3	630-377-2257
Birkram Yoga St. Charles	255 S 38th Ave Ste F	630-513-9642
Blue Peak Party Rentals	707 Columbia Ct. Ste 104	630-587-0990

St. Charles New Construction Update

Have you seen the new construction around town? The following feature showcases some of the highlights of these new construction projects.

Costco

215 S. Randall Road (Randall Road at Oak Street)

Quick Facts:

Costco Wholesale Store; located south of the Zylstra Harley Davidson dealership
150,000 square feet

Features:

- Costco fuel station along Randall Road
- Tire Center
- Optical Center
- Full-service bakery
- Pharmacy and Hearing Aid Center
- 1 Hour Photo
- Food Court (home of the \$1.50 hot dog and soda)
- Fresh Line (meat, seafood and deli)

Expected Grand Opening Date:
November 14, 2008



200 W. Main Street

Addition to former Fifth Third Bank Building at Main and 2nd Streets

Quick Facts:

Three-story, 12,000 square foot addition to the rear of this historic landmark bank building.

Features:

- New retail space on the street level
- Office space on the second and third floors
- New parking lot at the north end of the property
- Removal of bank drive-through lanes
- Continuation of Classical Revival style architecture
- Black Marble wall on Main Street to be replaced with storefront glass
- Outdoor patio space on north side of addition



Corporate Reserve of St. Charles

Cardinal Industries Property on West Main Street between Remington Glen and Pine Ridge Park

Quick Facts:

-50-acre office park, with retail buildings along Main Street and office buildings north of Woodward Drive.

Features:

-First phase includes site development work

-Construction of Woodward Drive linking Peck Rd. to Oak Street

-76,800 sf of office space north of Woodward Drive in two one-story office buildings and one three-story office building along the eastern perimeter of the site.



St. Charles Bank and Trust

413 W. Main Street (former Antique Market Building, corner of Main and 5th Streets)

Quick Facts:

New two and a half story,
19,000 square feet building
fronting on Main Street

Features:

- New St. Charles Bank &
Trust headquarters

-Includes new bank drive
through and lobby

-Retail space on corner of
first floor

-Gothic Revival style
architecture



23rd Scarecrow Festival October 10-12

Join the Fun !

·Build a Scarecrow in the contest with friends & family, or let your scarecrow promote your business – it's FREE!

Community Night-

Thursday, Oct. 9

View the Scarecrows in Lincoln Park from 6-9pm



Carnival "Wrist Band" Special

"Wrist Band" Resident Night Thursday

6-10pm \$18

"Wrist Band" Friday

Noon-4 \$20

For more information please call the

St. Charles Visitors Bureau 630-377-6161

or visit www.scarecrowfest.com

Gallery of Ghoulish Homes Tour

Pack up the family for an evening cruise. Drive by some of the spookiest houses in the St. Charles community. Pick up a complete list of the Halloween House Decorating Contest entries at the Park District beginning Friday, October 17, at 9 a.m., or online at: www.st-charlesparks.org. Homes best viewed at dusk, October 17 through Halloween night. Please be courteous and respect the homeowners' rights and property during your adventure. Warning: Some displays may not be appropriate for all ages.

Moonlight Hayrides

Primrose Farm Park

October 17-19, 24-26, 31, November 1-2

5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

\$8 Residents (n/r \$12) Enjoy an evening of old-fashioned fun on the farm. This tractor drawn hay ride departs from the Primrose Service Center and cruises around the fields of Primrose Farm Park at the height of the fall harvest. A bonfire, marshmallow roast, hot chocolate and mulled cider round out this delightful family event of the season. Questions? Call Kirk Bunke at 630-513-4370. Parking is located at the Primrose Service Center at 37W755 Bolcum Road. Please dress for the weather. There are no rain dates scheduled.

FREE Seed Harvesting

Campton Hills Park

October 4

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Otter Creek Bend Wetland Park

October 11

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join the Park District for some special work days and help staff collect seeds of native plants, which will be used for ecological restoration efforts.

Campton Hills Park is located on Campton Hills Road about a half mile west of Peck Road. Otter Creek Bend Wetland Park is located on Crane Road between Bolcum and Silver Glen Roads.

Great events for the whole family! Scout troops and community service opportunities available, too. Refreshments will be provided.

Don't forget about www.stcharlesil.info

There's lot's of great community information and events on the St. Charles Community Web Site! The site contains only local, St. Charles resources and is the most complete, reliable resource for local links, information, and activities in your own community. Be sure to check out the Community Bulletin Board—it's free and a great place to post or find notices, garage sales, items for sale, local job postings, and much more. The more you use it, the more valuable it becomes. Check it out today!



Heritage Center News

October 15th Joe K. Anderson Roundtable Topic: Transportation, Pottawatomie Community Center.

1:00-2:30 PM. No Cost.

November 13th Thursday Evening Lecture: Topic: Historic Christmas presented by Rochelle Pennington. Carnegie Community Room, SCPL, 1 S Sixth Ave. 7:00-8:00 PM. No Cost.

Call the Heritage Museum at 630.584. 6967 or visit www.stcmuseum.org for more information on these and other programs.



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Web Site: www.stcharleslibrary.org

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Phone 584-0076

Home Deliv. - Ext. 219

Mtg. Rms. - Ext. 230

Fax 584-3448

Night Owl - 584-4563

Study Rms. - Ext. 210

Youth Svcs. (ASK ME) - 584-9390

The St. Charles Public Library has activities for all ages. Discover Your Library: St. Charles Public Library's News and Program Guide is mailed three times per year to all Library District residents. For additional information, visit the Library's web site at www.stcharleslibrary.org, call us at 630-584-0076.

Family Story Time. An evening of stories and more especially for young children from 7-7:45 pm. The themes are Favorite Tales on Wednesday, October 22 and on Tuesday, November 18 it will be In, Out, Up, Down, Over and Under.

Pancake Pig will visit on Friday, November 7 at 11 a.m. Come for a visit with book character Pancake Pig from Laura Numeroff's story. Remember your camera. In partnership with Barnes & Noble of Geneva.

Book Magic for Kindergarteners. Tuesdays, October 28 and November 18 from 4:15-5 p.m. Explore Literature with Noises Around Us in October and Around Town in November.

Kids Corner for Grades 1 & 2. Mondays, October 20 and November 10 from 4:15-5 p.m. An afternoon romp with Imagination in October and Dogs in November.

Harry Potter

All things Harry Potter will be featured on Friday, November 21 from 5:30-7:30 for students in grades 3-8 and adults. Enter the Hogwarts Trivia Contest, play Muggle Bingo, guess the number of Bertie Botts, and more.

Every Child Ready to Read Workshop

An early literacy workshop that will help you make the best use of the time you spend reading and interacting with children from infants through age five. Learn what you can do to help your child develop pre-reading skills. Give the gift of reading to your child. The 90-minute adults only workshop is on Thursday, November 20 from 7-8:30 pm.

Upcoming Programs for Adults and Young Adults

Sunday Afternoon Concerts. 2 p.m. on October 5 & 19, and November 16

- Oct. 5 – Pianist Eugene Kwok performing the music of Richard Rodgers
- Oct. 19 – Quintuplex Woodwind Quintet. This concert is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation with a gift from the St. Charles Art and Music Festival Fund.
- Nov. 16 – Maevis Jazz Trio

Now Coming to a Town Near You: Voices of Urban Sprawl, Monday, October 6 at 7 p.m. Meet local author Gina Olszowski, who will speak about her book This is a Green Ideas program. In the future, the Library will sponsor other programs on energy-saving topics and healthy, earth-friendly living.

St. Charles Writers Group. Saturdays, October 11 & 25 and November 8 & 22 at 9:15 a.m. For those age 18 or older. Moderated by Richard Holinger.

Second Tuesday Book Discussion Groups. Tuesdays, October 14 and November 11, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Friends of the St. Charles Public Library Used Book Sale, Friday, October 17 from 2:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lots of books and more at bargain prices.

Lyric Opera Lecture. Tuesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. Lulu by Alban Berg. Hear the story, learn about the composer and listen to musical highlights from a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps.

The Three Secrets of College Search Success, Thursday, November 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Students and their parents are invited to attend this workshop. College admissions process including campus visits, application tips, financial assistance, and finding the right school for you will be covered in the program. Come with questions. This program is funded by The Kara Foundation. Please register at the Information Services Desk or by phone at 630-584-0076, ext. 1. St. Charles Library card is not necessary to attend.

Historic Christmas, Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m. Author and historian, Rochelle Pennington, presents a program called Historic Christmas. Cosponsored by the Library and the St. Charles Heritage Center.

Computer Classes: Computer classes in the Technology Center are open to St. Charles Library cardholders only. Registration opens on the third Sunday of each month for the next month's classes and closes when the classes are filled. Please check the Library web site at www.stcharleslibrary.org for available classes.

RESOURCES

St. Charles Municipal Center
2 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 377-4400

Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer	
Turn Ons & Turn Offs.....	377-4426
Building & Code Enforcement.....	377-4406
City Admin./Clerk.....	377-4422
Electric Division.....	377-4407
Electric/Water/Sewer (24/7).....	443-3681
Emergency.....	911
Engineering Division.....	377-4486
Emergency Management Agency.....	377-4416
Flood Protection Assistance and Map Eng.	377-4486
Finance/Accounting.....	762-7002
Fire Administration.....	377-4458
Fire Prevention Bureau.....	377-4457
Human Resources.....	377-4446
Mayor Donald P. DeWitte.....	377-4444
Police Admin./Invest./Crime Prev.	377-4435
Public Works-Water/Sewer/Street.....	377-4405
Community Development.....	377-4443
Economic Development.....	443-4093
Refuse Pickup Info. (Veolia).....	587-8282
TDD.....	800-526-0844

Community Numbers

Animal Control.....	232-3555
Chamber of Commerce.....	584-8384
Heritage Center.....	584-6967
Visitors Bureau.....	377-6161
Downtown St. Charles Partnership.....	513-5386

MEETING SCHEDULE		
Meeting	Oct.	Nov.
CITY COUNCIL	6 & 20	3 & 17
PLAN COMMISSION review & hold public hearings for rezoning, special use & new developments	7 & 21	4 & 18
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT zoning, annexation, boundary lines, downtown, comprehensive plan, code enforcement	13	10
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** budget, personnel, insurance, economic development, administration	6 & 20	3 & 17
GOVERNMENT SERVICES utilities, city property, streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, parking lots, stormwater	27	24
HISTORIC PRESERVATION review facade impr. & bldg. permits for exterior work within historic dist.	1 & 15	5 & 19
TREE COMMISSION manage city owned trees (trimming, Tree City USA, disease & pestilence, etc.)	1	12
YOUTH COMMISSION* direct services & grants to support the welfare of the City's youth	6	3
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION aesthetic improvements to City's corridors	1	5
HOUSING COMMISSION preserve affordable homes, address housing issues/needs, promote awareness	16	20
<i>All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless noted: *Starts at 6 p.m. ** Starts at 7:05 p.m. or right after the City Council meeting. Please call the Mayor's Office at (630) 377-4445 to confirm a meeting, or visit www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings.</i>		

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What's on your mind? Your suggestions and questions are valued by the Mayor and City Council. To assure a response, please include your name and address. Mail to: City Administrator's Office, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, or email to: CAO@stcharlesil.gov.

Clear a Path

Meter readers need a safe path and easy access to your electric meter. Welcome your St. Charles Municipal Electric meter readers by doing some simple housekeeping in the area around your meter:

- *Clear the area around the meter for easy, safe access;*
- *Fill holes and remove tripping hazards;*
- *Restrain pets and unlock gates on days when you expect the meter to be read.*

Allowing City meter readers to work safely on your property will ensure they take an accurate reading that will result in an accurate monthly bill.